

**R E M A R K S**

Consideration of this application, as amended, is respectfully requested.

The specification has been amended at page 1 to identify that this application is a U.S. National Phase Application under 35 USC 371 of International Application PCT/JP2004/016102. The specification was also amended to make some minor grammatical improvements and/or changes. No new matter has been added.

Fig. 11 of the drawings has been amended to change " $t_{1d} \leq t_{10}$ " to " $t_{1d} > t_{10}$ ". No new matter has been added.

The claims were amended to eliminate multiple dependencies and to make minor grammatical improvements.

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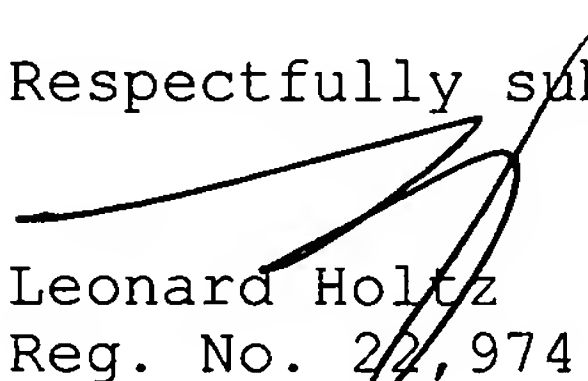
In view of the foregoing, entry of this Amendment, allowance of the claims and the passing of this application to issue are respectfully solicited.

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If the Examiner has any comments, questions, objections or recommendations, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the telephone number given below for prompt action.

Respectfully submitted,

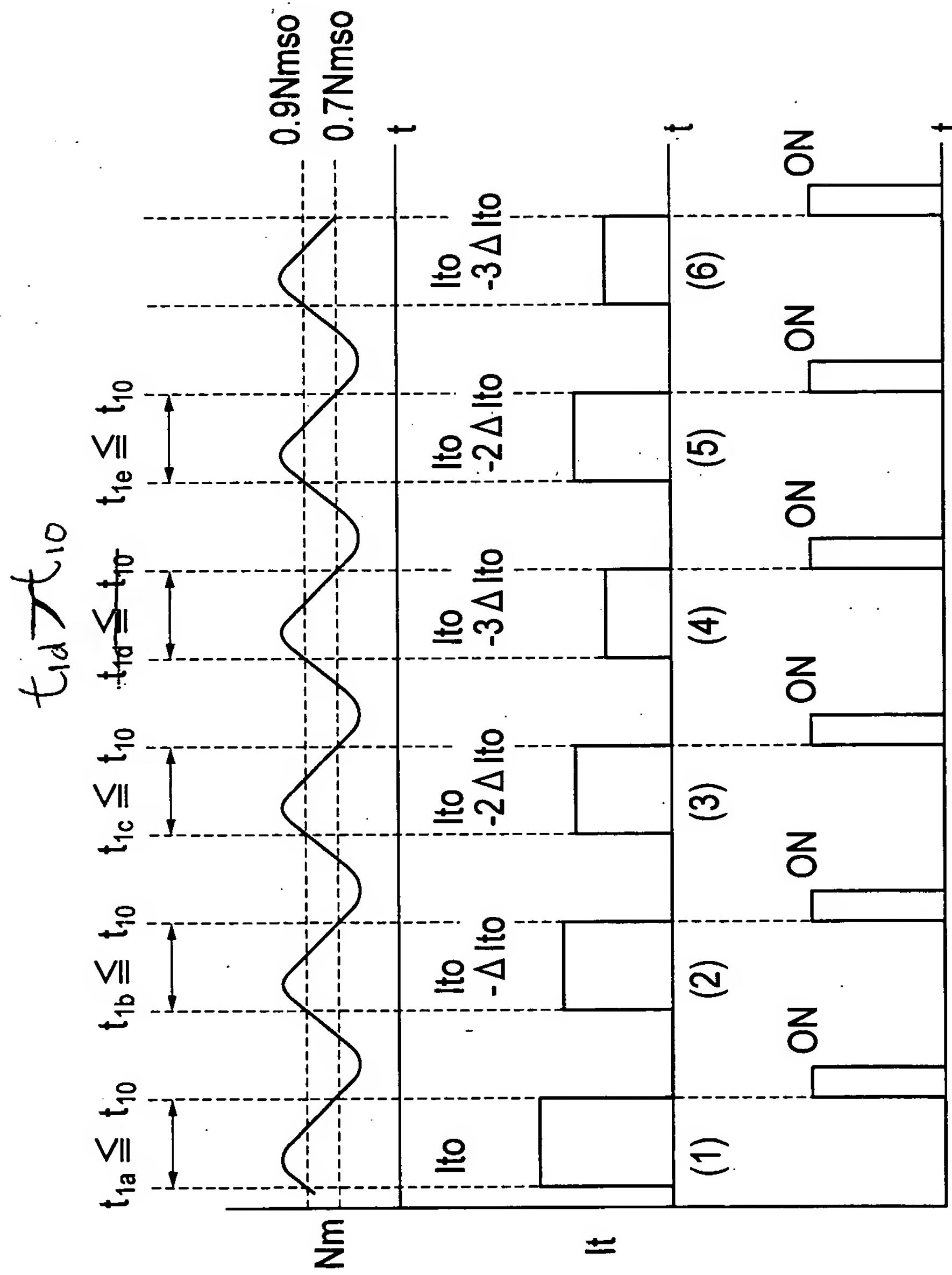


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FIG. 11



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**Amendments to the Drawings:**

Fig. 11 has been amended as indicated on the attached annotated sheet to change " $t_{1d} \leq t_{10}$ " to  $--t_{1d} > t_{10}--$ .

Attachment:      Annotated Sheet Showing Change  
                         Replacement Sheet